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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoshiaki KOMATSU

Group Art Unit: 2621

Application No.: 09/816,385

Examiner: S. Patel

Filed: March 26, 2001

Docket No.: 108634

For: STROKE DATA EDITING DEVICE

REQUEST FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant herein requests a personal interview for the above-identified application.

Applicant plans to traverse the rejection of claims 1-8, 15 and 17-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Rhyne et al. (Rhyne), U. S. Patent No. 5,511,135.

Applicant plans to assert that Rhyne fails to disclose a stroke data retrieving unit that retrieves, according to a predetermined condition, at least one piece of the stroke data from the stroke data storage unit, the retrieved stroke data corresponding to at least one stroke included in a predetermined area, as recited in claim 1, and as similarly recited in claims 17, 20 and 23. Applicant plans to assert that Rhyne fails to disclose this feature because Rhyne fails to place a predetermined condition on how strokes are retrieved. Rather, Rhyne separates the strokes according to a predetermined condition (i.e., whether the strokes are stored in a normal mode or an error mode) before the strokes are routed to and stored in one of two storage devices. The passages cited in the Office Action only refer to how Rhyne separates the strokes before the strokes are routed to and stored in one of two storage devices.

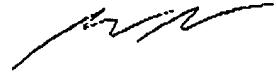
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Applicant thus herein requests a personal interview in order to particularly explain why Rhyne fails to disclose all of the features recited in claims 1, 17, 20 and 23. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to schedule a personal interview.

Respectfully submitted,


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